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For: **METHOD FOR PRODUCING COPOLYMER OF ALKYL VINYL ETHER
AND MALEIC ANHYDRIDE, AND COPOLYMER OF ALKYL VINYL
ETHER AND MALEIC ANHYDRIDE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application on its merits, consideration of the following claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

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7. The method according to claim 1 wherein the alkyl vinyl ether has 1 to 5 carbon atoms.
- A2
9. The method according to claim 1 wherein the total amount of free radical initiators to be used in the polymerization is in the range of 0.005 to 0.5% by weight based on the maleic anhydride.
10. The method according to claim 1 wherein the polymerization temperature is in the range of 40 to 120 °C.
- A3
15. The method according to claim 1 wherein, after the slurry is produced, the slurry is once